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LETTER DATED 11 JULY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to our note dated 28 June 1995 (S/1995/522), and with reference to the letter dated 6 July 1995 addressed to you by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea (S/1995/542), upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the attached letter of today's date from H.E. Sayed Ali Osman Mohamed Taha, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan.

I request you kindly to circulate the attached letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali Mohamed Osman YASSIN
Permanent Representative

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Annex

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Letter dated 11 July 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Sudan addressed to the President of the Security Council

Permit me to make the following observations in response to the letter dated 5 July 1995 addressed to you by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea (S/1995/542):

1. The letter in question contains distasteful words and expressions that are not appropriate to the high standing of the Security Council and are not customarily used in responsibly conducted international relations. The use by the Eritrean Government of such a mode of address reflects a lack of objectivity and an inability to approach the international community, international conventions and covenants and prevailing practice in a manner showing respect.

2. The Eritrean letter is unable to refute the statements, made in our letter of 26 June 1995 that was circulated as an annex to document S/1995/522, to the effect that the Eritrean Government has colluded in conspiracy and has been involved in an action hostile to the Sudan by planning, sponsoring and hosting meetings of outlaw elements that went on to adopt resolutions calling for concerted action to overthrow the legitimate Government of the Sudan by armed force. This demonstrates and confirms a spirit of enmity against the people and Government of the Sudan. It also reflects the fact that the Eritrean President has repudiated all of the sacrifices made by the Sudanese people in supporting the cause of its Eritrean brothers and his pursuit of a policy hostile to the Sudan in the interests of parties that have no good will towards either people.

3. It has been demonstrated to the Security Council that the letters of the Eritrean Government to which reference is made in its most recent communication amount to no more than the crude fabrication of crises with the Sudan and that they lack the logic required for their consideration by the Council. We cite as evidence for this the view of the Organization of African Unity concerning the manner in which the dispute between the two countries should be addressed.

4. The international community, as represented by the Council, is urged to enjoin the Eritrean regime to adopt a responsible mode of conduct in its international relations that is based on full respect for the Charter of the United Nations and for its resolutions as well as for the principles of mutual respect and non-interference in the internal affairs of States. Failing this, the regime in question will face the consequences of its present hostile conduct towards the Sudan.

I should like to assure you that the Sudan will continue to meet its international obligations, in accordance with the principles of good-neighbourliness and non-interference in the internal affairs of States that are

embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and in its resolutions, with a view to preserving peace and security in a region whose peoples rejoice in peaceful coexistence.

(Signed) Ali Osman Mohamed TAHA
Minister for Foreign Affairs